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Status Update on the Delta Conservancy's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan and 2018 Implementation Plan

Staff Report**DESCRIPTION**

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board adopted the *2017-2022 Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan* in July, 2017. In November, 2017, the Board adopted the companion document to the Strategic Plan, the *2018 Delta Conservancy Implementation Plan*. The Strategic Plan provides a high level road map and sets objectives and performance measures to achieve them. The Implementation Plan provides a more detailed accounting of the tasks the Conservancy is undertaking in 2018 to implement the Strategic Plan.

Attached herein are two tables. One table summarizes the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan, and the status toward meeting them. The other table summarizes the progress the Conservancy has made in carrying out the tasks outlined in the Implementation Plan.

The Conservancy has made great progress implementing the plans. Key accomplishments include:

- The Conservancy has completed three Proposition 1 grant cycles since the program's inception and awarded nearly \$29 million for projects benefitting the Delta, more than \$16 million of which was awarded to projects with an agricultural sustainability component.
- Delta farmers coalesced in the first step of creating an agricultural working group to help inform Delta decision making.
- The Delta Sign Plan was developed and funding was dedicated to placing numerous welcome/orientation, wayfinding, and place marker signs.
- The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) awarded \$399,000 to the Conservancy for work related to pesticide best management practices to improve water quality (contingent upon US EPA providing funding to the Water Board).
- Central Delta Corridor planning continues – a stakeholder charrette is planned for August, 2018.
- Conservancy staff has maintained compliance with all state-level reporting requirements, but key vacancies have caused resources to be diverted from high level planning and policy work in order to do so.

The majority of tasks remain on track to meet timelines identified in the Implementation Plan, which places the Conservancy in position for achieving the goals and objectives in the Strategic Plan.

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